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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Examiner: V. Johnson TADASHI ICHIDA Art Unit: 3682 Application No.: 10/001,324 Filed: November 23, 2001 **AMENDMENT** METHOD AND APPARATUS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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follows.

GROUP 3600 This is a response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2003. A request for continued examination accompanies this amendment. Kindly amend the above-identified application as

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

- [] A petition to extend time to respond in the above-identified prior application complying with the OG Notice of June 14, 1984 is enclosed.
- [] Please enter the amendment under §1.116-dated ______ and unentered in the prior nonprovisional application.
- [X] Please enter the enclosed amendment.
- [] Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 [] with copies of cited foreign references.
- [] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).
- [X] Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503).

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[X] Form PTO-2038 for \$ 770 is enclosed.

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